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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 16, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced the sentencing of two defendants in two separate cases today in federal court in San Diego based upon their convictions for possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

In the first case, Ryan Cabuto was sentenced by United States District Court Larry Alan Burns to serve 48 months in custody and 15 years of supervised release following his release from prison; Judge Burns also required Cabuto to register as a sex offender. Cabuto pled guilty on January 29, 2008 to possessing a computer containing over 600 images of minors, some as young as three or four years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other. At the time of his arrest, Cabuto was a personal trainer at 24-Hour Fitness in La Mesa. He is currently a student at Grossmont College. This case stems from an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In the second case, Christopher Lee Burgess was sentenced by United States District Court Judge M. James Lorenz to serve 51 months in custody and 10 years of supervised release following his release from

prison; Judge Lorenz also required Burgess to register as a sex offender. Burgess pled guilty on March 11, 2008 to possessing a computer containing over 600 images of minors, some as young as five or six years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adults and each other. At the time of his arrest, Burgess was active-duty Navy stationed at Naval Air Station, Coronado. This case stems from a nationwide investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Both investigations were assisted by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

DEFENDANTS

Case No. 08cr0070-LAB	Ryan Cabuto
Case No. 08cr-0503-L	Christopher Lee Burgess

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Naval Criminal Investigative Service